



Have you heard the news?

Efland Cheeks Elementary is getting a face lift! In a few short weeks we will have a construction crew working on the front of our building. The results will be a new entrance with a brand new awning and extended foyer topped with a glass skylight as the roof. This work is estimated to take 4 months to complete, which means we won't be using our front entrance area and parking lot until sometime after February.

Let's work together to prepare for changes in our traffic pattern. Here are some suggestions that will help in our planning;

1. Instead of walking your child into the building in the morning begin dropping them off in the car lane so they can get used to walking to class with the guidance of the staff that are in place in the halls. Once construction begins our space will be very limited and there will not be space for parents to park and walk into the building during AM drop-off or PM pick-up.
2. Dr. George McFarley, our Chief Operating Officer, is suggesting that families consider the school bus as an option to get children to and from school. Please consider this as we prepare for the start of construction. This will help to alleviate congestion and safety concerns.
3. For afternoon car riders we will need **everyone** to use the car line. Because we will be loading cars from the bus lot area at the end of our building there will not be space for parents to arrive early, park, and wait in the building for dismissal. The great news is our car line is completely finished at 2:40, so we have our new system down to a science. Even the last car in line waits less than 10 minutes.

As we get updates on the status of the project we will communicate new traffic patterns and procedures to our families. We appreciate your help as we prepare for this exciting change to our campus.

Sincerely,

Crystal Scillitani, Principal